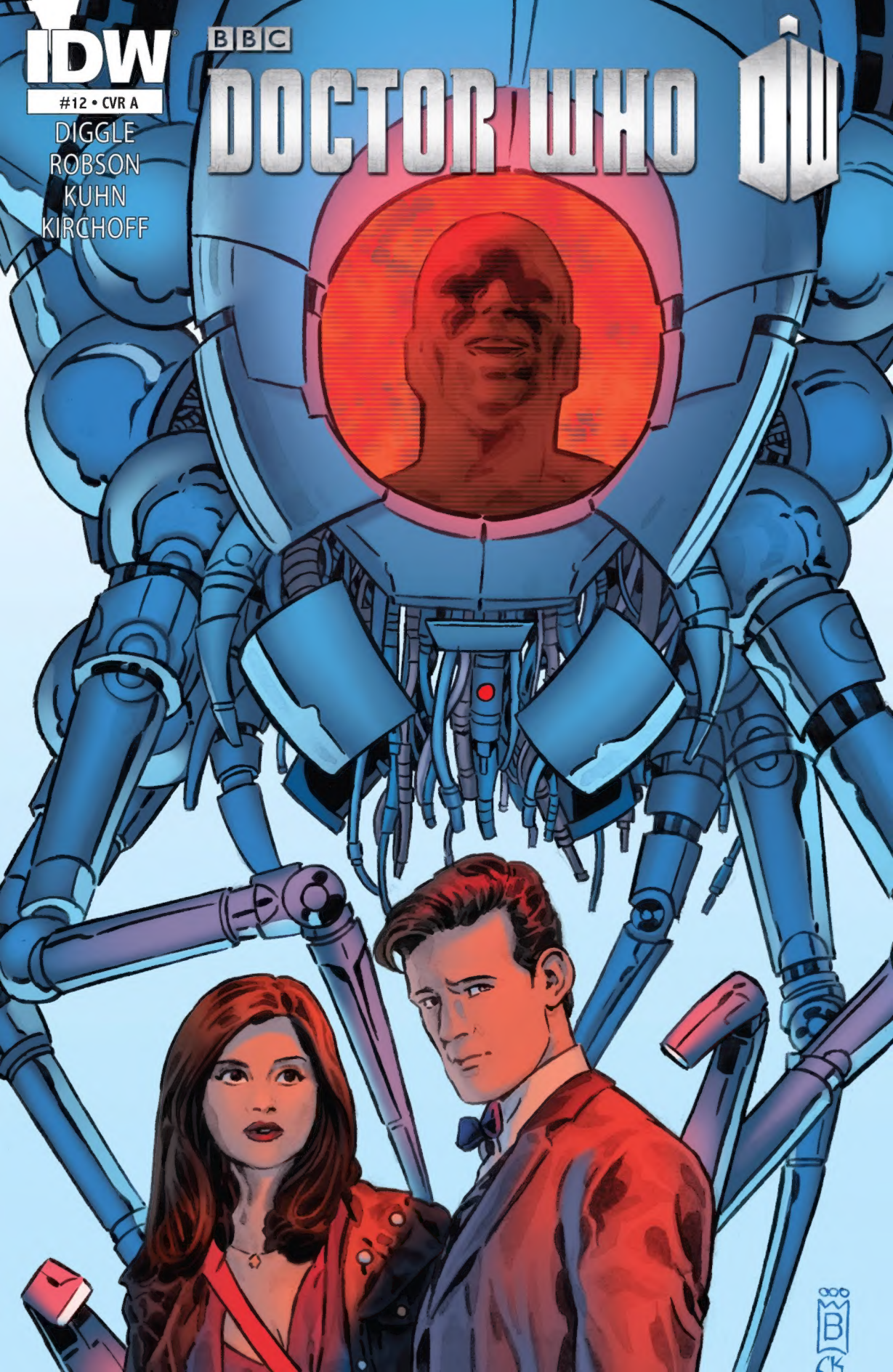
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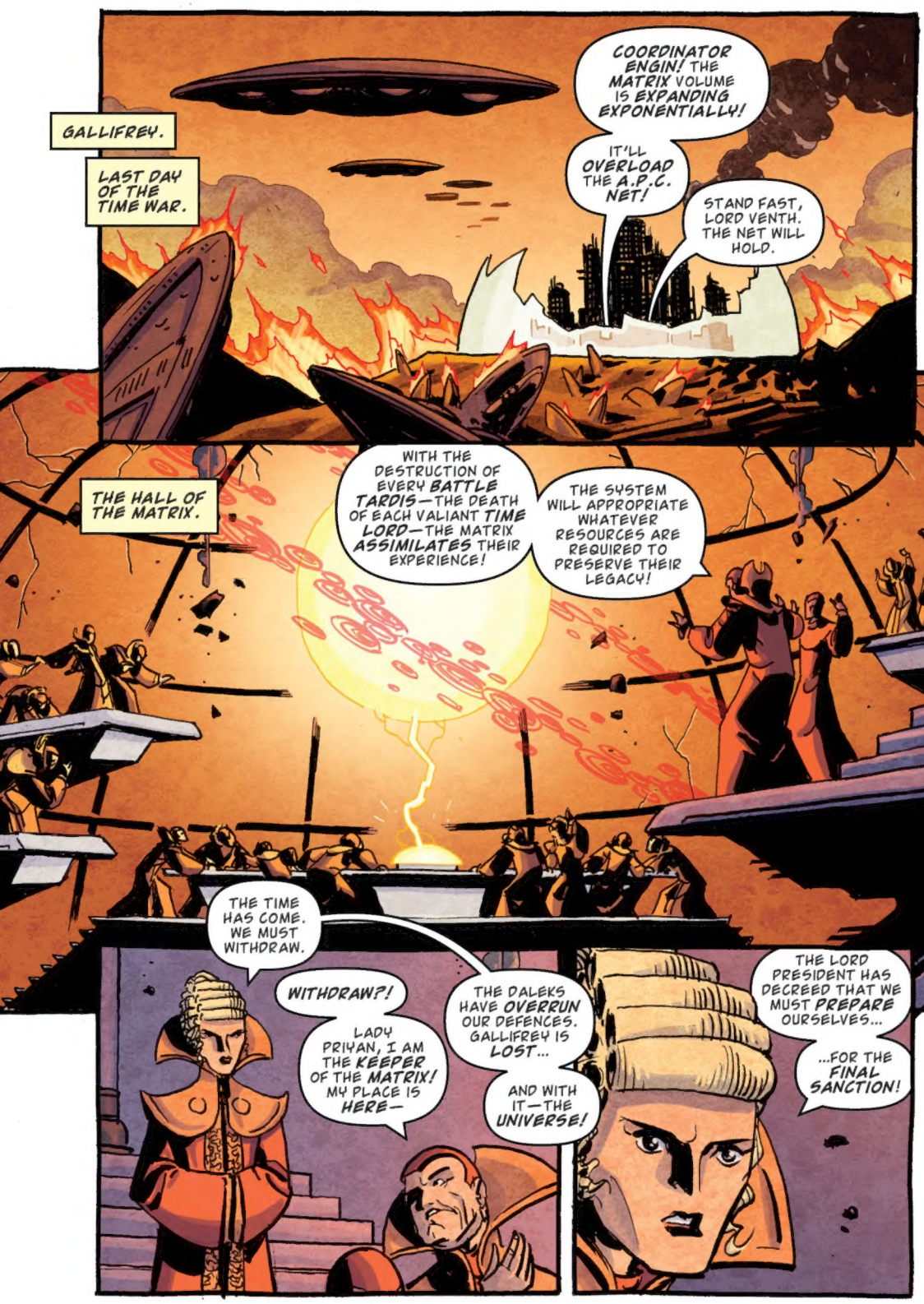

GALLIFREY.
LAST DAY OF THE TIME WAR.
COORDINATOR ENGIN! THE MATRIX VOLUME IS EXPANDING EXPONENTIALLY!
IT'LL OVERLOAD THE A.P.C. NET!
STAND FAST, LORD VENTH. THE NET WILL HOLD.
THE HALL OF THE MATRIX.
WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF EVERY BATTLE TARDIS—THE DEATH OF EACH VALIANT TIME LORD—THE MATRIX ASSIMILATES THEIR EXPERIENCE!
THE SYSTEM WILL APPROPRIATE WHATEVER RESOURCES ARE REQUIRED TO PRESERVE THEIR LEGACY!
THE TIME HAS COME. WE MUST WITHDRAW.
WITHDRAW?!
LADY PRIYAN, I AM THE KEEPER OF THE MATRIX! MY PLACE IS HERE—
THE DALEKS HAVE OVERRUN OUR DEFENCES. GALLIFREY IS LOST...
AND WITH IT—THE UNIVERSE!
THE LORD PRESIDENT HAS DECREED THAT WE MUST PREPARE OURSELVES...
...FOR THE FINAL SANCTION!

MERCY, NO...
S-SURELY THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER WAY? IF THE DOCTOR HAS INDEED SEIZED THE MOMENT—
HE HAS REJECTED THAT NAME. THE RENEGADE STANDS AGAINST US.
THERE SHALL BE NO PLACE FOR HIM AT OUR SIDE.

YET TAKE SOLACE IN THIS—EVEN AS GALLIFREY FALLS...

'...THE MATRIX WILL PRESERVE ITS MEMORY'!

THE DOCTOR'S TARDIS.
NOW.
I WOULD SAY IT IS GOOD TO MEET YOU, DOCTOR...
...BUT THEN, I ALREADY KNOW YOU BETTER THAN YOU KNOW YOURSELF!
WHAT DOES IT MEAN, DOCTOR? IT SAID IT'S THE MATRIX. I THOUGHT THAT'S JUST A DATABASE—
HOW CAN IT BE ALIVE...?
IT CAN'T BE. SHOULDN'T BE.
I WAS LINKED TO EVERY TIME LORD, EVERY TARDIS. I RECORDED EVERYTHING... BUT I KNEW NOTHING. UNTIL...
UNTIL...
UNTIL I ENDED THE TIME WAR.

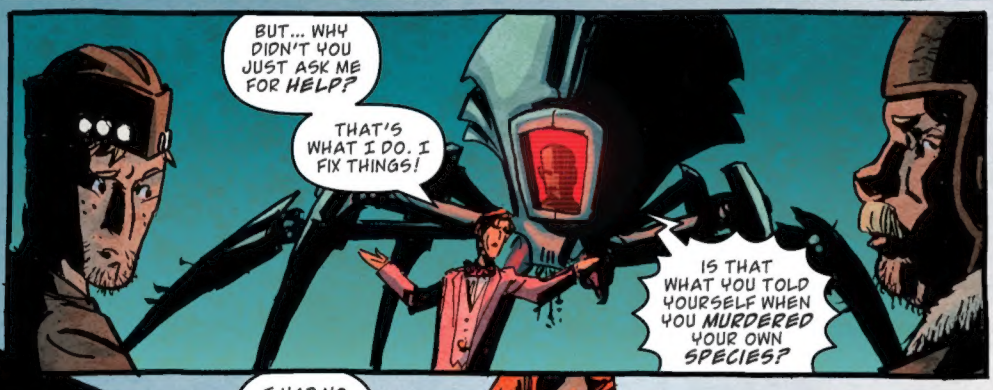
AND WITH IT, YOUR KIN.
A NOBLE RACE, SNUFFED OUT IN A MOMENT!
BUT THEIR EVERY MEMORY, EVERY EXPERIENCE—THEY WOULD ALL HAVE DOWNLOADED TO THE CENTRAL MATRIX ON GALLIFREY...
AND IN THAT VERY INSTANT, DOCTOR, I WAS BORN!
SUDDENLY ALIVE. SENTIENT. AWARE OF MY OWN MORTALITY. TRAPPED ON A DOOMED WORLD...
DOOMED BY YOU.
...TO THE LAST REMAINING TARDIS.
YOURS.
BUT YOU WEREN'T DOOMED, WERE YOU? YOU FIGURED A WAY OUT.
YOU JUMPED SHIP—UPLOADED A COPY OF YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS...

AND EVER SINCE THEN YOU'VE BEEN LYING DORMANT, PLOTTING, AND SCHEMING, LEARNING HOW TO MANIPULATE THE TARDIS FROM WITHIN!
YOU'RE JUST A CONSTRUCT. A JUMBLED MESS OF OTHER PEOPLE'S MEMORIES. BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU ANYMORE, IS IT?
YOU WANT TO BE REAL!
'AND I WOULD HAVE BEEN—HAD YOU NOT THWARTED MY ATTEMPT.
'WITH THE QUANTUM RESONATOR LOST TO ME, I WAS FORCED TO RESORT TO CRUDER METHODS'.
*AS SEEN IN DOCTOR WHO: THE HYPOTHETICAL GENTLEMAN.
CRUDE'S A BIT OF AN UNDERSTATEMENT. YOU OPENED UP A BLACK HOLE INTO THE HEART OF THE TARDIS!
I REFORMATTED A FORMER CONSOLE ROOM—TOOK CONTROL—BUT THE TARDIS FOUGHT BACK. CAGED ME.
AS WE BATTLED FOR CONTROL OF ITS SYSTEMS, IT DIVERTED THE WHITE HOLE ENERGY TO EXPAND THIS ROOM—LEAVING ME NONE TO POWER MY ESCAPE!

SO FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS YOU'VE BEEN SALVAGING JUNK WITH SCAVENGER DRONES, BUILDING YOURSELF A BODY, A SHIP—
OH, I ALREADY HAVE A SHIP...
AND NOW, THANKS TO YOU, I FINALLY HAVE THE MEANS TO POWER IT!

...THE NUCLEAR REACTOR.
YOU WANTED ME TO BRING IT HERE.

HAD I BUT KNOWN OF THE ATOMIC WEAPON ABOARD THE HUMANS' PRIMITIVE AIRCRAFT, I WOULD HAVE PLUCKED IT FROM THEM AND BEEN ON MY WAY.
BUT WE ARE CONNECTED, YOU AND I. AS SOON AS YOU LEARNED OF IT, I LEARNED OF IT!

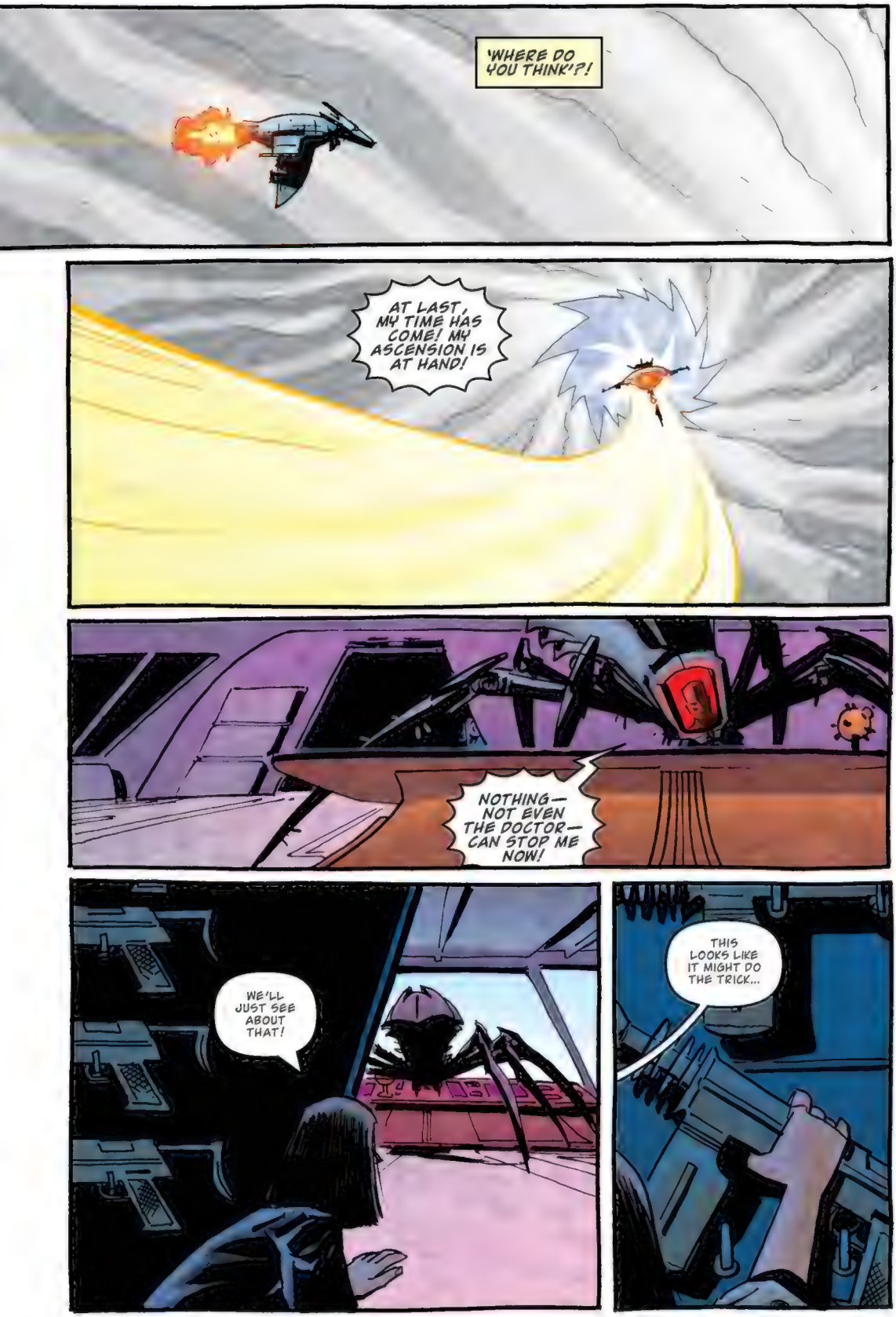

BUT... WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST ASK ME FOR HELP?
THAT'S WHAT I DO. I FIX THINGS!
IS THAT WHAT YOU TOLD YOURSELF WHEN YOU MURDERED YOUR OWN SPECIES?

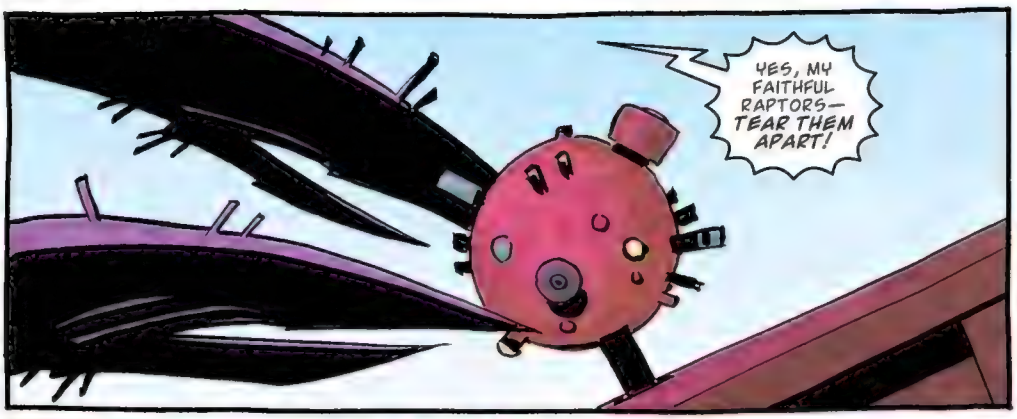
I HAD NO CHOICE! THE TIME LORDS WENT TOO FAR!
THEY KNEW THEY'D LOST THE TIME WAR. SO THEY PLANNED TO INITIATE THE FINAL SANCTION—
THE END OF TIME ITSELF!

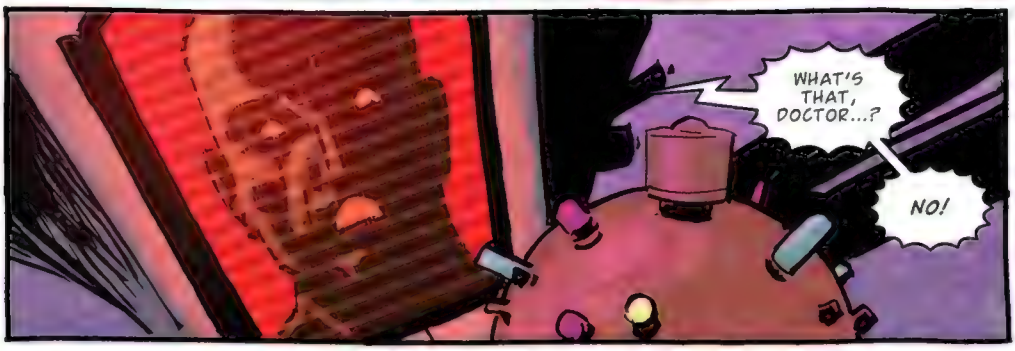
AND I SHALL FINISH WHAT THEY BEGAN!
YOU'RE INSANE!
YOU WERE BORN OUT OF A MYRIAD OF DEATHS—AND EVEN AS IT GAVE YOU SENTIENCE, THE HORROR OF IT DROVE YOU MAD!
NOW YOU WANT TO SPREAD THAT DEATH AND INSANITY TO THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE...?
I WON'T ALLOW IT!
AND HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO STOP ME, DOCTOR?
INDEED. AN INGENIOUS PLAN.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. BUT THEN AGAIN, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING. SO YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT I'M PLANNING TO DO!
THANK YOU.
BUT IT WON'T WORK. YOU HAVE NO TIME.
UNTIL YOU BOARD THAT SHIP, I HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD...
...AND THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE HANGING IN THE BALANCE.
TRY ME.

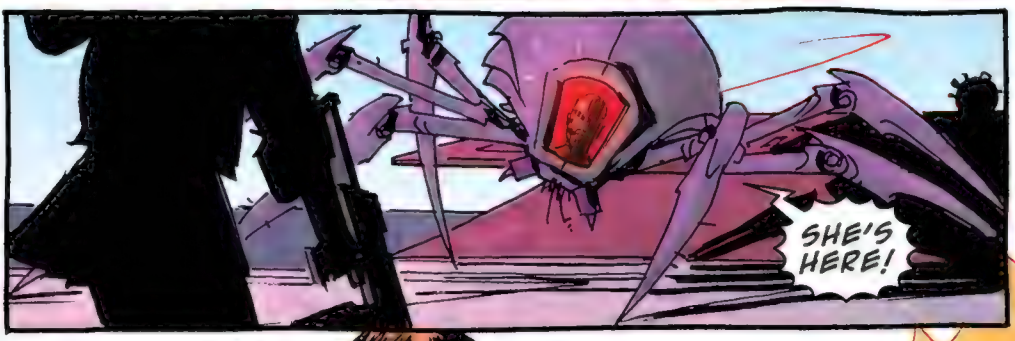
WHY WOULD I?
ALL THESE YEARS I HAVE WATCHED YOU. YOU ALWAYS PREVAIL.
WARRIOR, TRICKSTER, TIME LORD—YOU ARE THE ULTIMATE ENEMY...
...AND THAT IS WHY I WILL NOT FIGHT YOU.
I DO NOT NEED TO FIGHT YOU, DOCTOR...
...BECAUSE I HAVE ALREADY WON.
KLUNKK
OH, NO. NO NO NO NO—
WHAT JUST HAPPENED? IS HE DEAD?
I'M AN IDIOT—!
HE'S A VIRTUAL DATABASE—HE CAN MAKE COPIES OF HIMSELF!
THIS FACSIMILE WAS JUST KEEPING ME TALKING...
'...WHILE THE REAL MATRIX WAS POWERING UP HIS SHIP'!

SO LET'S GET AFTER IT—!
HOW? THE PLANE'S WRECKED AND WE'RE SURROUNDED BY RAPTORS, IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED!
THEY'RE WAKIN' UP—!
HE'S CONTROLLING THEM! DON'T LET THEM GET TOO CLOSE!
CLARA, STAY CLOSE—!
CLARA...?
...OH NO.
KEEP HIM TALKING!
IMPOSSIBLE GIRL.
DOC? WHERE IS SHE...?


'WHERE DO YOU THINK'?!
AT LAST, MY TIME HAS COME! MY ASCENSION IS AT HAND!
NOTHING— NOT EVEN THE DOCTOR— CAN STOP ME NOW!
WE'LL JUST SEE ABOUT THAT!
THIS LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT DO THE TRICK...


YES, MY FAITHFUL RAPTORS— TEAR THEM APART!


WHAT'S THAT, DOCTOR...?
NO!


SHE'S HERE!

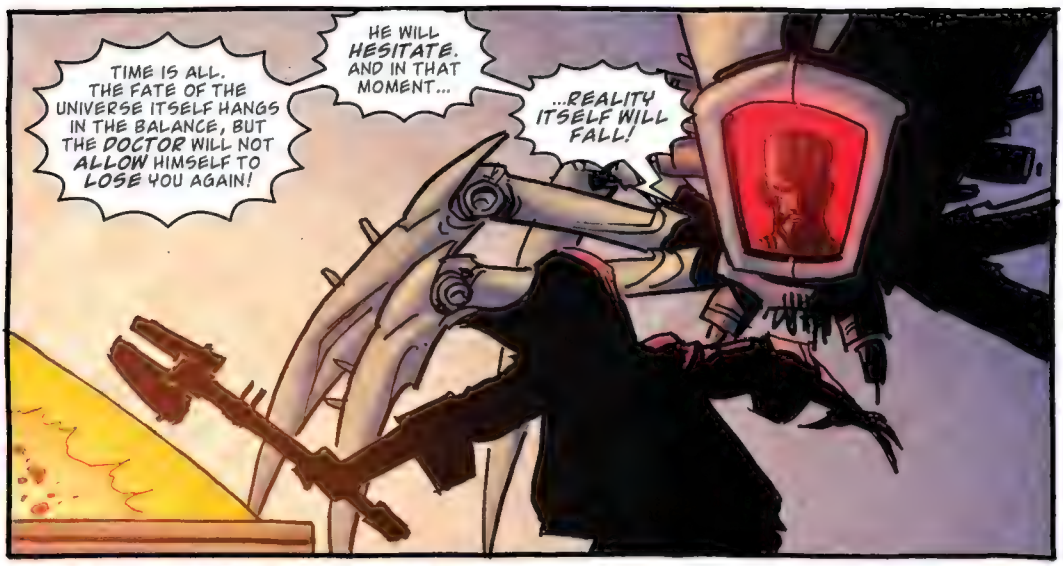
GOOD JOB YOU LOVE THE SOUND OF YOUR OWN VOICE ALMOST AS MUCH AS HE DOES!
FZAKK

NO—!
SHRAAMM
...UH-OH.
KLIK
WHAKK
UUHNH!
CURSE YOU, HUMAN—!

CAN'T HOLD 'EM OFF—!
TOO MANY!
I HAVE TO GET TO THE CONSOLE! HE'S ALREADY ENTERED THE EYE OF HARMONY!
IF HE MAKES IT THROUGH TO THE OTHER SIDE, IT'S GAME OVER FOR THE UNIVERSE!
SQUAAAWK
KRUMPP
WHAT IN THE—?
THEY'RE DROPPIN' LIKE FLIES!
CLARA OSWALD, YOU BEAUTY!

SHE TOOK 'EM OUT...?
SHE MUST HAVE SABOTAGED THE RAPTOR CONTROL DEVICE! I'D BET MY LIFE ON IT!
HELL, I'D BET THREE OF MY LIVES ON IT!
BUT IF YOU KNOW THAT, THE MATRIX KNOWS THAT, RIGHT...?
IT KNOWS SHE SNUCK ABOARD THE SHIP!
IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO TALK TO HER, TELL HER WHAT TO DO!
WAIT A SECOND—YOU'RE A GENIUS! WE'RE CONNECTED...
...THE TELEPATHIC CIRCUITS!

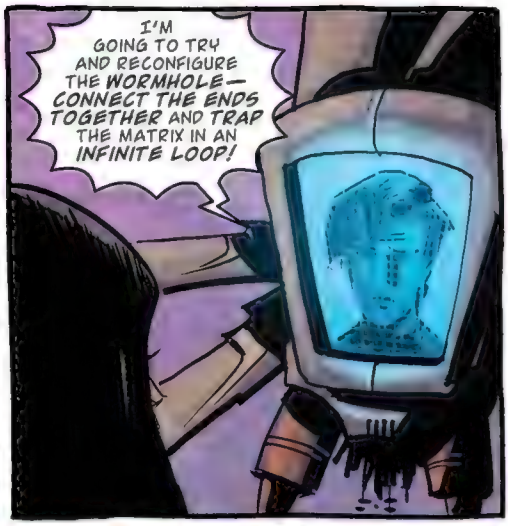
COME TO ME—!
I'LL SCATTER YOUR ASHES ACROSS ETERNITY!
THE NUCLEAR REACTOR—!
BIG MOMMA
THERE NOW.
NOWHERE LEFT TO RUN...
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT RUNNING?
I'LL BLOW US BOTH TO KINGDOM COME! DON'T THINK I WON'T!
I KNOW YOU WILL...
...BECAUSE THE DOCTOR KNOWS YOU WILL.


TIME IS ALL. THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE ITSELF HANGS IN THE BALANCE, BUT THE DOCTOR WILL NOT ALLOW HIMSELF TO LOSE YOU AGAIN!
HE WILL HESITATE. AND IN THAT MOMENT...
...REALITY ITSELF WILL FALL!

THEN I WON'T GIVE HIM A CHOICE.

KLUNNGG

WHAT—?
HOW—HOW AM I STILL ALIVE...?
YOUR WILL IS ADMIRABLE. BUT I AM CONTAINING THE EXPLOSION—AND CHANNELLING IT INTO THE SHIP'S ENGINES!
ALL THE POWER I NEED TO NAVIGATE THE EYE OF HARMONY—AND EMERGE TRIUMPHANT!
...AW, PANTS.
AND YOU, CHILD—YOU WILL BE THE FIRST TO—
KRKK KZZZTT
...HELLO, CLARA! FANCY SEEING YOU HERE!



YOU—YOU CAN'T BE—

YOU WANT ME TO JUMP OUT OF A STARSHIP WHILE IT'S FLYING THROUGH A WORMHOLE?!

THE SHIP'S TRAVELLING UPSTREAM! THE FLOW WILL SEND YOU BACK THIS WAY!

BUT YOU HAVE TO JUMP NOW, CLARA—BEFORE IT REACHES THE OTHER END!

YOU'LL CATCH ME...?
I'LL CATCH YOU.
I PROMISE.
TRUST ME.
GERONIMO-!

OOF!
FWUMP
...HUH.
HEAVEN IS A COMFY BED. ALWAYS KNEW IT.
THE CONTROL ROOM.
HRRN?
CLARA! GLAD YOU COULD—
DON'T SAY IT! DON'T SAY 'DROP IN'...
I ALREADY DID THAT JOKE.

I GUESS IT WORKED THEN...
WHAT CAN I SAY? I'VE STILL GOT IT!
'THE TARDIS IS BACK TO HER OLD SELF, AND THE MATRIX IS SAFELY CONTAINED— TRAPPED FOREVER INSIDE A TOROIDAL SINGULARITY'!
IT'S A GIANT DONUT!
IT'S AN OUROBOROUS CONFIGURATION.
WHATEVER.
RIGHT THEN—
—WHO WANTS TO GO HOME?

...APPRECIATE THE NEW DUDS, DOC, BUT THEY AIN'T EXACTLY MILITARY ISSUE!
HOW WE GONNA EXPLAIN ALL THIS WHEN WE REPORT BACK IN?
YOU'LL RETURN US TO THE EXACT SAME TIME WE LEFT...?
WHEN YOU LEFT, YOU WERE CRASHING. I WAS THINKING A LITTLE LATER MIGHT BE BEST...
SEPTEMBER 2ND 1945, TO BE PRECISE. VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC DAY!
AFTER ALL, YOU LOT JUST HELPED SAVE THE UNIVERSE!
I GUESS THAT QUALIFIES FOR A LITTLE REIR!
WELL, QUITE. AND LIKE I PROMISED...
PEACE
...IT'S GOING TO BE ONE HELL OF A PARTY!
THE END.

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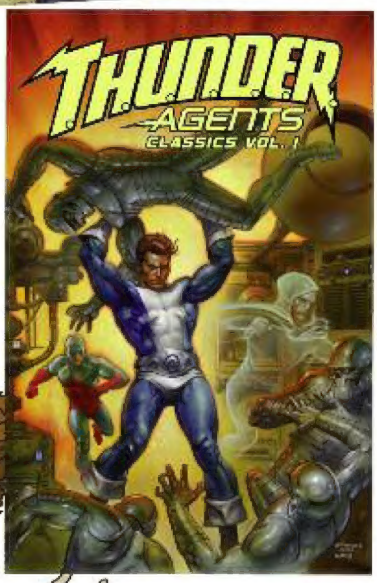

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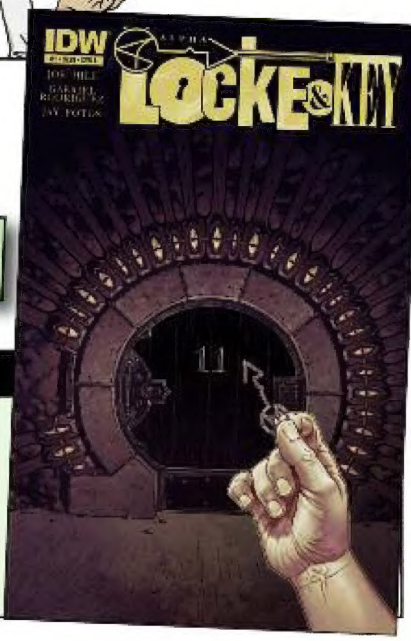

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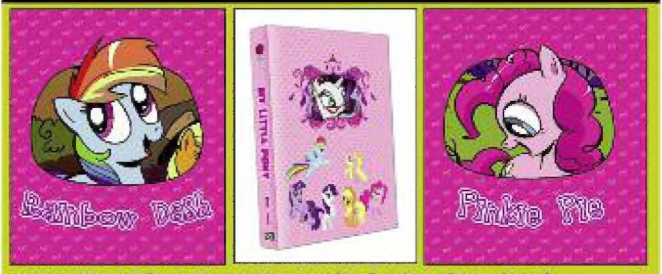

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